CRESWELL (....-1930)

Creswell [Pirehill] *(unknown)* was a (sinecure) rectory probably in the patronage of (the lord of the manor) Robert Crompton of Creswell c1630-?1681. Crompton was probably the grandson and heir of Robert Lovet of London merchant c1577-?1657 who had presented ***Thomas Unton c1610-1693*** who was instituted rector on 21 Sep 1635. The parish of one township which was not part of any constablewick.

Creswell [Pirehill] MANOR 8.19 (1086); 1332p; ♦RECTORY; PRGR (not known); (Pevsner states church is a ruin in a field)

Parish History

The parish of XXXXX was formed by ?14C.

In 1930 (by an Order in Council dated 1929) **CRESWELL** was combined with **SEIGHFORD-CUM-DERRINGTON** to become **SEIGHFORD-CUM-DERRINGTON-CUM-CRESWELL.**

Description of Church (? dedication)

The (old) church was built by ?14C. It is likely that it was uninhabitable by 1509. In 2001 it was a ruin in a field.

Type of incumbent

Rector	....-?1509
Sinecure Rector	?1509-....

Patrons

(1 Feb 1674.5) Gift by John Crompton to William Palmer of the advowson of the rectory of Creswell [Stafford: Crompton is described as patron of Creswell parish church] [SRO D1798/662/9]

Parish Registers

Bells

►**Baldwin de Whitney (Dean of Tamworth) e1289-1369** **1353-....**
d 1369
(Dean, Tamworth College, Staffs) 22 Feb 1329.30-d
- (admitted) 22 Feb 1329.30
(Prebendary, Lichfield Bishopshull) 12 Jun 1349-6 Jun 1353
- (collated) 12 Jun 1349 [Reg II [Northburgh] f124b]
- (estate ratified) 7 Feb 1351.2 [CPR 1350-1354 p219, which refers to Lichfield Wellington probably in error]
- (exchanged) 6 Jun 1353 [Reg II [Northburgh] f194]
(?Rector, Creswell, Staffs) 6 Jun 1353
- (by exchange) 6 Jun 1353 [Reg II [Northburgh] f194]

►**Peter Brereton c1488-....** **1509-....**
b c1488 *5th son of Sir Randall Brereton of Malpas, Cheshire Knight c1450-1530 and Eleanor dau of Piers Dutton of Hatton, Cheshire c1440-....*
(Sinecure Rector, Creswell, Staffs) 18 Dec 1509-....
- (instituted) 18 Dec 1509
- (in office) 1549
(B.A., Oxon) Jun 1518
(M.A., supplicated) 15 Jul 1520
(Vicar, Oswestry, Salop)
- (instituted) 1537
(Chaplain to the King)
(Rector, Malpas mediety, Cheshire)
- (presented) 13 Mar 1542.3
- (instituted) 1543

►**William Hare (Rector of Creswell, Staffs) c1529-1597** **1553-1571**
**** Entry might confuse men of the same name*
b c1529 *3rd son of Sir Nicholas Hare of Bruisyard, Suffolk Knight c1495-1557*
m ....
d 16 Apr 1597
(as "impubes" [?youth], matriculated pensioner from Trinity Hall, Cambridge) Easter 1545 [VENN]
(admitted at the Inner Temple) 1551
(married and had issue) [VENN]
(said to have had no surviving children) [DNB]
(?lay Sinecure Rector, Creswell, Staffs) 21 Jun 1553-(a23 Mar) 1570.1
- (presented by his father Sir Nicholas Hare of Bruisyard, Suffolk Knight c1484-1557)
- (instituted) 21 Jun 1553

►**Thomas Crompton c1544-....** **1571-1584**
**** Entry might confuse men of the same name*
b c1544 *2nd son of William Crompton of London citizen and mercer c1513-1564 and Catherine dau of Christopher Rawson c1488-....*
(?lay Sinecure Rector, Creswell, Staffs) 23 Mar 1571
- (presented by [his ?brother] William Crompton [of Stone, Staffs Esquire c1543-?1600])
- (instituted) 23 Mar 1571
- (in office) 22 Jan 1584
(as 2nd son of William C. of Stone, Staffs deceased, adm. Middle Temple, specially bound with Messrs. Richard Crompton of the Bench Esq. and Edward Combes) 13 Jun 1574 [MT]

►**John Richards e1545-....** **1585-....**
(?lay Sinecure Rector, Creswell, Staffs)

- (instituted) 5 Sep 1585
- (in office) 13 Sep 1597 & 22 Jul 1605

►Ralph Turner (Vicar, of Caverswall, Staffs) e1549-?1608 **1602**
**** Entry might confuse men of the same name*

i ?Jan ?1607.8 Caverswall [PR defective]

([? Parochial Curate], [? Weston-upon-Trent], Staffs)
- (in office) 8 Oct 1579 [CCEd "Weston"]
(Stipendiary Curate, Cheadle, Staffs)
- (in office) 1599
(Parochial Curate, Cheddleton, Staffs)
- (No preacher, no degree, salary £5/6/8) [1602 return]
- (Very ignorant, salary £4 OR £5) [1604 retutn]
(?sinecure Rector, Creswell, Staffs)
- (called "Vicar" [? in error], in office) 1602 return [? could this be Caverswall]
(Vicar, Caverswall, Staffs) 7 Sep 1603-?d
- (instituted) 7 Sep 1603
- ("A gentleman's household servant for many years, very ignorant, no preacher.") 1604
- (in office) 22 Jul 1605
- (signed parish register)

(1602) Creswell - Raph Turner, Vicar

►Zaccheus Bunning {Bunnynge} c1590-1623 **1616-?1623**
b c1590 *son of Christopher Bunning*
m 30 Oct 1618 Coventry Holy Trinity, Warwicks: Ellen Dillingham
Will (...) 1623
(B.A., Merton College, Oxford) 23 Oct 1611
(Sinecure Rector, Creswell, Staffs) 22 Dec 1616-?d
- (presented by the Crown)
- (instituted) 22 Dec 1616
(M.A.) 23 Jun 1617
(?Stipendiary Curate, Market Harborough, Leics) 1618-23
chn: Elizabeth Bunning b c1620
Ann Bunning b c1621
Henry Bunning b c1622
Zaccheus Bunning b *posthumous* c1623

Deathbed will of 1623 names father Christopher, an uncle Henry Dillingham, also a cleric, and his son Henry. Was active in parish poor relief. [INTERNET]

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(Sinecure Rector, Creswell, Staffs)
- (died in office) May 1632 [1915]

►John Arneway (Rector of Hodnet, Salop) c1600-c1653 **1633-1635**
b c1600 *3rd surviving son of John Arneway of Peplow in Hodnet, Salop yeoman ....-1622 and Dorothy (?Hinstocke)*
d c1653 Virginia, USA
(aged 18, matriculated from St Edmund Hall, Oxford) 4 Dec 1618 [FOSTER]
(B.A.) 27 Feb 1621.2

(M.A.) 2 Jun 1624
(Prebendary, Lichfield Wolvey) 13 May 1633-Feb 1644
- (collated) 13 May 1633 [PRO E 331 COV.../15]
- (installed) May 1633 [D30/2/1/6f 16v]
- (his house later occupied by Thomas Brown)
(Sinecure Rector, Creswell, Staffs) 26 Sep 1633-a21 Sep 1635
- (presented by the Crown)
- (instituted) 26 Sep 1633
(Rector, Hodnet, Salop) 3 Oct 1634-c1644
- (presented by [? Sir Robert Vernon of Hodnet, Salop Knight] [who is said to have died in 1625)]
- (instituted) 3 Oct 1634
- (signed loyal address of Salop clergy) 1642
- (as an active anglican, ejected) c1644
(Rector, Ightfield, Salop) c1634-c1644
- (in office) 1639
- (as an active anglican, ejected) c1644
(Archdeacon, Coventry) cJun 1642-Feb 1644
- (appointed) cJun 1642 [ODNB]
(D.D., Lit.Reg.) 20 Dec 1642
(a prisoner at the surrender of Shrewsbury) 21 Feb 1644.5
(emigrated to Virginia, USA) 1649
(author, "No Peace 'till the King Prospers"; "The Tablet and An Alarum to the People of England")
[ODNB, for fuller account] [WALKER REVISED 303]

According to Walker he fled first to Oxford, then to The Hague, finally to Virginia. [WALKER REVISED 303]

Thomas Unton M.A. (rector of Creswell) 1610-1693 **133**

Unton, christened on 21 Jan 1609.10 at Drayton, was first son of Thomas Unton of Drayton, Salop gentleman. He studied at Oxford where on 29 Jan 1629.30 he was a student at Trinity College and matriculated. At Oxford he graduated B.A. on 4 Feb 1629.30 (M.A., 13 Dec 1632). He was ordained deacon and about 1635 ordained priest by Lichfield. On 21 Sep 1635 after presentation by (? the lord of the manor) Robert Lovet of London merchant c1577-?1657 he was instituted (sinecure) rector of Creswell. On 29 Mar 1639 after presentation by Henry Bromley he was, *plurally,* instituted vicar of Mountford, Salop. A dispensation (? for plurality) was granted on 16 Feb 1639.40. About Feb 1643.4 he may have been removed from both parishes. In early Jun 1660 he was not in an office. On 13 Sep 1660, by *An act for the confirming and restoring of ministers*, he was restored in both parishes. He probably resigned Mountford before 25 Aug 1662 when he was, *plurally,* instituted rector of Chetwynd, Salop. Still in office at Creswell and Chetwynd he died, aged 83, on 31 Mar 1693 and was buried on 4 Apr at Drayton. In 1665 no hearth tax assessment was made at Creswell so that Unton was not assessed. His will made on 29 Mar 1693 was proved under Lichfield on 5 Jul 1693. In his will he bequeathed "my books to a publick use in the Town of Drayton" and others to Trinity College in Oxford. Unton may not have married. In the period that Unton was sinecure rector at Creswell the church was in ruins and it is possible he never visited the parish.

►**Thomas Unton (rector of Creswell) 1610-1693** **1635-1693**

c 21 Jan 1609.10 *1st son of Thomas Unton of Drayton, Salop gentleman*
(? unm.)
d 31 Mar 1693 Chetwynd, Salop; i 4 Apr 1693 Drayton; Will *of Drayton, Salop clerk* (Lichfield) 29 Mar 1693/5 Jul 1693
(as 1st son of Thomas Unton of Drayton, Salop armiger, aged 20, matriculated from Trinity, Oxford) 29 Jan 1629.30 [FOSTER]
(B.A.) 4 Feb 1629.30
(M.A.) 13 Dec 1632
(ordained priest by Lichfield) no date [say, c1635]
(Sinecure Rector/?Minister/Sinecure Rector, Creswell, Staffs) 21 Sep 1635-d
- (presented by Robert Lovet of London merchant) [Robert Lovet of Elstow, Beds c1577-?1657] {? lord of the manor)
[his grandson and heir was Robert Crompton of Creswell, Staffs c1630-?1681]
- (instituted) 21 Sep 1635
- (as M.A., had a dispensation) 16 Feb 1639.40
- (possibly ejected and later restored)
(Vicar, Montford, Salop) 29 Mar 1639-a25 Aug 1663
- (presented by Henry Bromley armiger)
- (instituted) 29 Mar 1639
- (probably ejected and later restored) [see below]
- (resigned) a25 Aug 1663
(Rector, Chetwynd, Salop) 25 Aug 1662-d
- (instituted) 25 Aug 1662

Vicar of Montford in 1639 and 1655 but John Soothill was Minister in 1648 and Richard Morris in 1652. Either he was restored or had to employ curates while in possession of living. Resigned 1663. [WALKER REVISED]
(29 Mar 1693) ... lease [and residuary estate] to my cozen Samuel Smith ... my books to a publick use in the Town of Drayton ... [others to] Trinity College in Oxford ... Mr Samuel Du-Gard Rector of Forton (Staffs) and Ri Price Vicar of Drayton (Salop) executors ...
(Chetwynd PR) Thomas Unton Rector hujus Eccle de Chetwynd obijt 31 die Martij et in Ecclesia de Draiton in Hales sepultus est 1693
(4 Apr 1693, Drayton PR) Thomas Unton Rector de Chetwin sepult Bapt Jan 21 1609/10 83

Thomas Unton of Drayton, Salop gentleman
chn: Thomas Unton b c1610
George Unton b c1614; (aged 17, matric. Trinity, Oxford) 18 Nov 1631; (B.A.) 6 Feb 1634.5

►**Richard Ames 1663-1730** **1693-1730**

b 4 Jan 1662.3; c 20 Jan 1662.3 *son of William Ames of The Wyke in Shifnal, Salop clerk and Joan dau of John Bache of Chesterton in Worfield, Salop*
unm.
d 21 May 1730; i 23 May 1730 Bilston
(aged 18, as son of William of Wendham, Salop p.p., matriculated from Balliol College, Oxford) 5 Jul 1680 [FOSTER]
(B.A.) 1684

(Perpetual Curate, Bilston St Leonard, Staffs) 1684-d
- (kept a very detailed account of village affairs in the parish register) [LAWLEY]
(Sinecure Rector, Creswell, Staffs) 14 Sep 1693-d
- (presented by Humphrey Perry gentleman)
- (instituted) 14 Sep 1693
(Prebendary, Wolverhampton Monmore, Staffs) a1702-d
- (in office) 1702
(Vicar, Sedgley, Staffs) 5 Aug 1729-d
- (presented by John Ward [1st Viscount Dudley and Ward] 1704-1774)
- (instituted) 5 Aug 1729

►William Corne ?1698-1753 **1730-1753**
b *son of Joseph Corne of Stafford St Mary*
[? b 15 Mar 1697.8; c 22 Mar 1697.8 Betley *son of Joseph Corne and Ann (.....)]*
m 1 Dec 1730 Stafford St Mary: Elizabeth Bradbury
d (a23 Dec) 1753
(aged 19, matriculated from Magdalen Hall, Oxford) 7 May 1716
(B.A.) a1720
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 11 Jun 1720
(Stipendiary Curate, Seighford, Staffs) 8 Oct 1720
- (appointed) 8 Oct 1720
(Perpetual Curate, Ellenhall, Staffs) 8 Oct 1720-a1722
- (appointed) 8 Oct 1720
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 3 Jun 1721
(appointed schoolmaster at Stafford) 12 Aug 1721
(Assistant Rector, Stafford St Mary) 12 Aug 1721-d
- (appointed) 12 Aug 1721
(M.A.) a28 May 1730
(Perpetual Curate, Castle Church, Staffs) 28 May 1730-d
- (appointed) 28 May 1730
(Sinecure Rector, Creswell, Staffs) 9 Oct 1730-d
- (presented by William Green armiger & Margaret ?Perry widow)
- (instituted) 9 Oct 1730
(in deeds regarding Alstone in Gnosall) 1745 [SALT SD 97/1745; 811/36]
chn: William Corne c 3 Feb 1734.5 Stafford St Mary **[SCD]**

Whereas the Rev. William Corne, late Curate of St. Mary's, is Dead and his place has become vacant. It is this day ordered that the Rev. William Spilsbury, clerk, be appointed in his stead and that a proper instrument be drawn up for the purpose and that the then Mayor do affix the Town seal of the said Borough to the same. [Stafford Corporation Minute Book, 26 December, 1753]

►John Peploe ?1723-a1806 **1754-a1806**
b Staffs [? b 1 Jun 1723; c 6 Jun 1723 Penkridge *son of William Peploe 1692-.... **[SCD]** and Elizabeth (Whitbey)]*
[? m Mary .....]
d a28 Jan 1806
(admitted sizar at Queens, Cambridge) 1 Jul 1742 [VENN]
(matriculated) 1742
(Sinecure Rector, Creswell, Staffs) 26 Feb 1754-d
- (presented by Margaret Rocke widow & Thomas Whitby Esquire)
- (instituted) 26 Feb 1754
(Perpetual Curate, Acton Trussell-cum-Bednall, Staffs) 24 Nov 1759-d
- (appointed Perpetual Curate & Reader) 24 Nov 1759

►Edward Whitby 1775-1852 **1806-1852**
b 28 Dec 1775 Stafford; c 12 Jan 1776 Stafford St Mary *yr son of Thomas Whitby 1746-1828 **[SCD]** and Mabel dau of John Turton of Alrewas, Staffs 1688-1771*
m 1810 Mary Anne dau of Benjamin Way of Denham, Bucks
d 23 Mar 1852 Creswell Hall; Will *of Cresswell Hall clerk* (PCC) 26 Jun 1854
(aged 17, admitted pensioner at Trinity, Cambridge) 26 Nov 1792 [VENN]
(educated at Charterhouse)
(matriculated) Easter 1794
(B.A.) 1797
(ordained deacon by Salisbury) 1799

(ordained priest by Lichfield) 15 Jun 1800
(Stipendiary Curate, Ditteridge, Wilts) 1799
(Vicar, Seighford, Staffs) 16 Jun 1800-a15 May 1820
- (presented by the Crown)
- (instituted) 16 Jun 1800 & 11 Jul 1806
(Sinecure Rector, Creswell, Staffs) 1806-d
- (presented by his father Thomas Whitby 1746-1828)
- (instituted) 9 May 1806
- (aged 75, b Staffs, widower of Creswell Hall "Rector of the Ex. P. place of Creswell") 1851 C
(M.A.) 1807
(Minister, Nice English OR Protestant Chapel)

►Thomas Harrison (Vicar of Stafford Christ Church) c1807-1871 **1839-1871**
b c1806 Chester *son of George Harrison "chirurgeon"*
m Mary [?Lloyd]; (aged 49, b Chester) 1861 C
d *aged 65* cAug 1871 Stafford RD
(aged 18, admitted at Trinity College, Dublin) 5 Jul 1824 [ALUMNI]
(B.A.) Easter 1829
(ordained deacon by Hereford) 1829
(ordained priest by Chester) 1830
(M.A.) Easter 1832
(Perpetual Curate/Vicar, Stafford Christ Church) 1839-d
- (aged 54, b Chester, of Stafford "Incumbent of Christ Church") 1861 C
- (aged 64, b Chester, of Stafford "Vicar of Christ Church") 1871 C
(Chaplain, Stafford St George Hospital) ?1846-?1858
- (in office) 1851 [WHITE]
(Sinecure Rector, Creswell, Staffs) 1852-d
chn: Mary Harrison b c1839; (aged 22, b Hodnet, Salop) 1861 C
Emily Harrison (aged 20, b Stafford) 1861 C
Lydia M. Harrison (aged 19, b Stafford) 1861 C
Oswald Harrison b cAug 1846 Stafford RD **[SCD]**
Jane Harrison (aged 13, b Stafford) 1861 C
Ruth Harrison (aged 6, b Stafford) 1861 C

►Oswald Harrison 1846-?1877 **1872-?1877**
b cAug 1846 Stafford RD *son of Thomas Harrison c1807-.... **[SCD]** and Mary (?Lloyd)*
[? d *aged 31* 1877 Belper RD]
(at St Aidan's Theological College) 1867
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 1869
(Stipendiary Curate, Ellastone, Staffs) 1869-72
- (aged 24, b Stafford, "Curate without cure of souls", living with father at Stafford) 1871 C
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 1872
(Sinecure Rector, Creswell, Staffs) 1872-?d

►William Kendall 1819-1903 **1878-1897**
b 1819 Accrington, Lancs *son of George Kendall*
m Louisa dau of George Holmer Kendall of Tunbridge Wells solicitor
d 29 Mar 1903 Bradford, Yorks
(educated at Giggleswick)
(admitted pensioner at St Catharine's, Cambridge) 3 Mar 1845 [VENN]
(matriculated) Michs 1845
(B.A.) 1849
(ordained deacon by Manchester) 1849
(Stipendiary Curate, Manchester St James) 1849-52
(ordained priest by Manchester) 1850
(Stipendiary Curate, Manchester St Jude) 1852-4
(Organising Secretary, Church Pastoral Aid Society) 1854-66
(Vicar, Stafford St Thomas) 1866-97
(Sinecure Rector, Creswell, Staffs) 1878-97
chn: George W. Kendall (at Cambridge) 1875

►**Nigel Ernle Goddard 1870-1950** **1903-1908**
b 1870 *2nd son of Francis Aspinwall Goddard 1841-1888* ***[SCD]*** *and (his 1st wife) Fanny Pratt dau of Joseph Skinner Lampen of St Bordeaux, Devon*
d 1950
(at Jesus College, Oxford)
(B.A.) 1893
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 1893
(Stipendiary Curate, Rugeley, Staffs) 1893-1901
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 1894
(M.A.) 1900
(Vicar, Stafford Christ Church) 1901-8
(Chaplain, Stafford Union Workhouse & General Infirmary) 1903-8
(Sinecure Rector, Creswell, Staffs) 1903-8
(Vicar, Folkestone St Michael & All Angels, Kent) 1908-16
(Vicar, Lamorbey, Kent) 1916-

►**William Howard Badger 1856-....** **1908-1919**
b 10 Nov 1856 Seend, Wilts *son of William Collins Badger clerk*
(educated at Birmingham King Edward's School)
(admitted pensioner at Corpus Christi, Cambridge) 30 Sep 1876 [VENN]
(matriculated) Michs 1876
(B.A.) 1880
(ordained deacon) 1880
(Stipendiary Curate, Leamington Holy Trinity, Warwicks) 1880-5
(ordained priest by Worcester) 1881
(Stipendiary Curate, Long Ditton, Surrey) 1885-9
(Stipendiary Curate, Surbiton Christ Church, Surrey) 1889-92
(Rector, Greet, Salop) 1892-1905
(Rector, Hope Bagot, Salop) 1901-5
(Vicar, Seighford, Staffs) 1905-19
(Vicar, Derrington, Staffs) 1905-19
(Sinecure Rector, Creswell, Staffs) 1908-19
(Vicar, Ambrosden, Oxford) 1919-27
(Rector, Tubney, Berks) 1927-p1936
(of "Greenway", 209 Woodstock Road, Oxford) 1936

►**Richard St Clair Page 1873-....**
b cAug 1873 Nottingham RD
(at St John's, Oxford)
(B.A.) 1901
(at Wycliffe Hall, Oxford) 1901
(ordained deacon by Southwark) 1902
(Stipendiary Curate, Normanton-by-Derby) 1902-4
(ordained priest by Southwark) 1903
(Stipendiary Curate, Wellington, Salop) 1904-6
(Stipendiary Curate-in-charge, Boothen, Staffs) 1906-14
(M.A.) 1905
(Temporary Chaplain to the Forces) 1918-9
(Vicar, Brown Edge, Staffs) 1914-20
(Vicar, Seighford, Staffs) 1920-7
(Vicar OR PC, Derrington, Staffs) 1920-7
(Sinecure Rector, Creswell, Staffs) 1920-7
(Vicar, St Columb Minor, Cornwall) 1927-

►**John Oldham Johnson c1895-....** **1928-1929**
(at Durham University)
(B.A.) 1918
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 1918
(Stipendiary Curate, Wednesbury St Bartholomew, Staffs) 1918-9

(Stipendiary Curate, Stafford St Paul) 1919-22
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 1920
(M.A.) 1921
(Assistant Master, Stone Alleyne's Grammar School, Staffs) 1922-3
(B.D.) 1923
(Stipendiary Curate, Stafford St Mary) 1923-8
(Sinecure Rector, Creswell, Staffs) 1928-9
(Vicar, Tipton St John, Staffs) 1929-42
- (presented by the Vicar of West Bromwich St James)
- (appointed) 1929
(Vicar, Rearsby-cum-Ratcliffe-on-the-Wreak, Leics) 1942-....